



Ferguson One Year On

March, Moment of Silence Mark Brown Anniversary

Michael Brown Sr., speaks at the spot where his son, Michael Brown, was killed one year ago Sunday, Aug. 9, 2015, in Ferguson, Mo. Sunday marks one year since Michael Brown was shot and killed by Ferguson police officer Darren Wilson.

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FERGUSON, Missouri (AP) —

One year after the shooting that cast greater scrutiny on how police interact with black communities, the father of slain 18-year-old Michael Brown led a march in Ferguson, Missouri, on Sunday after a crowd of hundreds observed 4½ minutes of silence.

Those who gathered to commemorate Brown began their silence at 12:02 p.m., the time he was killed, for a length of time that symbolized the 4½ hours that his body lay in the street after he was killed. Two doves were released at the end. Police largely remained away from the ceremony.

Michael Brown Sr. held hands with others to lead the march, which started at the site where his son, who was black and unarmed, was fatally shot by Ferguson officer Darren Wilson on Aug. 9, 2014. A grand jury and the U.S. Department of Justice declined to prosecute Wilson, who resigned in November, but the shooting touched off a

his son, Michael Brown Sr. said, "Miss you."

He had thanked supporters before the march for not allowing what happened to his son to be "swept under the carpet."

Later Sunday, a few hundred people turned out at Greater St. Mark Family Church in a ceremony to remember Brown, with his father joining other relatives sitting behind the pulpit.

Anthony Gray, one of the Brown family's attorneys, said of the shooting, "You knew in your gut that it wasn't right. And you knew what that officer did was unjustified."

Michael Brown Sr. had also led a parade involving several hundred people on Saturday.

He said his family is still grieving, but he believes his son's legacy can be seen in the increased awareness of police shootings, and renewed skepticism when officers describe their side of events leading up to those shootings.

The anniversary has also sparked renewed protests, but the focus of the weekend is largely on Brown, who graduated from high school weeks before the shooting and planned to go to trade school to study to become a heating and

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Michael Brown Sr., center, takes part in a parade in honor of his son, Michael Brown, in Ferguson, Mo. Sunday marks one year since Michael Brown was shot and killed by Ferguson police officer Darren Wilson.

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national "Black Lives Matter" movement. Pausing along the route at a permanent memorial for

air conditioning technician.

Relatives and friends described Brown as a quiet,

gentle giant who stood around 6-foot-3 (1.9 meters) and weighed nearly 300 pounds (136 kilograms).

But police said Brown stole items from a convenience store and shoved the owner who tried to stop him on the morning of Aug. 9, 2014. Moments later, he and a friend were walking on Canfield Drive when Wilson, who is white, told them to move to the sidewalk.

That led to a confrontation inside Wilson's police car. It spilled outside, and Wilson claimed that Brown came at him, menacingly, leading to the fatal shooting. Some witnesses claimed Brown had his hands up in surrender.

Federal officials concluded there was no evidence to disprove testimony by Wilson that he feared for his safety, nor was there reliable evidence that Brown had his hands up in surrender when he was shot.

The shooting led to protests, some violent, and

the unrest escalated again in November when a St. Louis County grand jury determined that Wilson did nothing wrong. He resigned days later. The November riots included fires that burned more than a dozen businesses.

The Justice Department reached the same conclusion in March, clearing Wilson.

But in a separate report, the Justice Department cited racial bias and profiling in policing as well as a profit-driven municipal court system that often targeted black residents, who make up about two-thirds of Ferguson's populace.

Ferguson's city manager, police chief and municipal judge resigned within days of that report. All three were white.

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Police: Man who killed 8 had a dispute with woman victim

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Associated Press

HOUSTON (AP) — A family of six children and two parents were handcuffed and fatally shot in the head at a Houston home by a man with a violent criminal history who had previously been in a relationship with the mother and had a dispute with her, authorities said Sunday.

David Conley, 48, was charged with capital murder in the deaths. Conley, who is being held in Harris County Jail, didn't appear at a court hearing Sunday where an arrest affidavit was read. The judge denied him bond.



This booking photo shows 48-year-old David Conley. Authorities on Sunday, Aug. 9, 2015 said Conley restrained and fatally shot in the head eight people, including children, at a Houston home where he had previously lived. (Harris County Sheriff's Office via AP)

The dead were identified as parents Dewayne Jackson, 50, his wife Valerie Jackson, 40, and children Nathaniel, 13, Dewayne, 10, Honesty, 11, Caleb, 9, Trinity, 7, and Jonah, 6. Nathaniel was believed to be Conley's son from the relationship with Valerie Jackson. The Harris County Sheriff's Office had earlier said that there were three adults and five children killed.

"We do not — cannot — fully comprehend the motivation of an individual that would take the lives of so many innocent people. Especially the lives of the youngest," said Chief Dep-

uty Tim Cannon of the Harris County Sheriff's Office. "The killer's motives appear to be related to a dispute with Valerie, who was a former domestic partner." Conley told police that he discovered on Saturday morning that the locks had been changed at the home after he had moved out. He entered the home through an unlocked window, according to the affidavit.

Officials later responded to a request to do a welfare check at the house and got no response at the door. They saw through a window a child on the floor with a gunshot wound. Po-

lice then heard gunshots coming from the front of the house. A standoff ensued between officers and Conley. He later gave himself up to authorities and was arrested.

Court records show Conley's criminal history dates back to at least 1988, with the most recent incident last month, when he was charged with assault. In court documents, authorities say the suspect had been arrested for allegedly assaulting Valerie Jackson. The attack happened at the home where the bodies were found and documents say he was in a dating relationship with her. □

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Police:

Vermont mom killed 3 relatives, then social worker

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Associated Press

BARRE, Vermont (AP) — A woman who lost custody of her 9-year-old daughter killed three relatives in a Vermont home and then headed to a nearby state office to gun down the social worker involved in the custody case, authorities alleged.

Police said 40-year-old Jody Herring shot social worker Lara Sobel, 48, twice on Friday, killing her outside an office of the state Department for Children and Families in Barre as Sobel was leaving work. Herring was tackled outside the building and arrested on a first-degree homicide charge.

The next morning, an emergency call brought officers to a Berlin home, where they found three relatives of Herring dead. Police said at least two of the women appeared to have been shot.

The Burlington Free Press reported that Tiffany Herring, 23, who identified herself as the daughter of victim Rhonda Herring, said her mother had received a threatening phone call from Jody Herring Friday morning.

"My mother got a call in the morning, maybe 7:30 or 8 o'clock, saying it was Jody Herring saying, 'You guys need to stop calling DCF unless you guys are going to have it coming to you,'" Tiffany Herring told the newspaper.

She said she discovered the women's bodies.

"Both doors were wide open, and I walked into the living room, and that's where I saw my mom dead," she said.

Barre Police Chief Tim Bombardier said Sunday he doesn't expect any more bodies will be found in relation to the case.

Bombardier said the weapon used to kill Sobel was a hunting rifle, but he would not reveal additional details about it. He also would not comment on whether

Jody Herring had obtained the gun legally.

The chief wouldn't comment on what may have triggered Herring to act on Friday — weeks after losing custody of her daughter. Bombardier also would not discuss the 9-year-old's father or his whereabouts. Officials said after Sobel's shooting that Herring's daughter remained in state custody.

Herring is to be arraigned Monday afternoon on the homicide charge. It wasn't clear if she had a lawyer who could comment on her behalf.

At a news conference Saturday night, Vermont Gov. Peter Shumlin assured state workers and families that Herring's arrest ended any threat to others and that the care of Vermont's "most vulnerable children" remains a priority.

"We know that the incidents were horrific and absolutely heartbreaking," the governor said after returning early from a vacation in Nova Scotia. "We also know and firmly believe that this was an isolated attack based upon the person we have in custody, who is the alleged perpetrator of these crimes."

Attorney General Bill Sorrell said much investigative work remains to be done before he can say what, if any, additional charges will be filed against Herring.

Shumlin tentatively identified Saturday's victims as Regina Herring and Rhonda Herring, the suspect's cousins; and Julianne Falzarano, an aunt. The cousins were in their 40s, and the aunt in her 70s; the three were killed before Sobel's life was taken, Shumlin said. "I think all Vermonters are as shocked, dismayed, horrified and grief-stricken as all of us are," Shumlin said. "I cannot remember, in my lifetime, four people being murdered by the same alleged perpetrator."

Lt. Gov. Phil Scott said he knew several members of the extended Herring family. □



Vermont Gov. Peter Shumlin, at podium, and other officials brief the media on the deaths of four people in Barre, Vt. Authorities say Jody Herring shot and killed state social worker Lara Sobel, who had handled a case in which Herring's 9-year-old daughter had been removed from her home. On Saturday, the bodies of three of Herring's relatives were found at the family home in neighboring Berlin.

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Trump backlash continues for slamming Fox News host

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AP Television Writer

Donald Trump had already slammed the president, Democratic front-runner Hillary Rodham Clinton and his Republican rivals in the race for the White House, as well as immigrants from Mexico, the Chinese and Sen. John McCain for being a prisoner of war.

To that fast-growing list he has now added Fox News Channel host Megyn Kelly. The Republican Party has long wrestled with the public perception that it is waging a "war on women" and has struggled to convince more women that it's on their side.

By Sunday, as Trump made the rounds of the morning TV talk shows, he was insisting, "I cherish women."

And yet for the outspoken, combative Trump, Kelly would seem to represent a type of person primed to get his goat.

At 44, she is recognized as successful, whip-smart, commanding and, as she demonstrated during Thursday's first Republican presidential debate, a woman more than ready



This combination made from Aug. 6, 2015 photos shows republican presidential candidate Donald Trump, left, and Fox News Channel host and moderator Megyn Kelly during the first Republican presidential debate at the Quicken Loans Arena, in Cleveland. Angry over what he considered unfair treatment at the debate, Trump told CNN on Friday night that Kelly had "blood coming out of her eyes, blood coming out of her wherever."

(AP Photo/John Minchillo)

to stand up to the 69-year-old billionaire.

Trump's position on women might be signaled by his proud ownership of beauty pageants and by his wisecrack on a TV show a decade ago that he would date his own daughter, a

former teen model who was then 24, if only he weren't her father.

Referring to her debate dust-up with Trump, Kelly said in an interview broadcast Sunday, "I'm sure he'll get over that. We'll be fine. And so will America."

But her appearance on Fox News Channel's "Media Buzz" was taped Friday, before Trump made his "blood coming out of her wherever" remark.

Since arriving at Fox News in 2004, Kelly has broken out as a superstar. Her prime-

time program, "The Kelly File," which she launched two years ago in an upgrade from her afternoon slot, attracts upward of 2.5 million viewers — a high figure for a cable television news show.

A native of Syracuse, New York, Kelly had been a self-described "unhappy Washington lawyer" when she began as a weekend reporter for a local Washington station in 2003. A year after that, she was hired by Fox News chief Roger Ailes.

There she struck a different chord from the partisan hosts who surrounded her on the schedule, carving out an image as a calls-'em-as-she-sees-'em yet not-so-doctrinaire figure.

"I've never wanted to be an opinion host, and Roger Ailes hasn't wanted me to be an opinion host," she told The Associated Press in 2013. "I don't think I'd be very successful anyway. I'm not an ideologue. ... I think I'm too moderate and reasonable."

Kelly has cultivated an image of speaking up in ways that have even run counter to Fox's image. □

Obama sees chance for improved relations between US, Iran

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(AP) — President Barack Obama says a constructive relationship with Iran could be a byproduct of the deal to limit its nuclear program, but it won't happen immediately. If at all.

Obama told CNN in an interview airing Sunday that Iran's "nuclear problem" must be dealt with first. He said the agreement reached last month by the U.S. and five other world

powers to remove crippling economic sanctions on Iran in exchange for restrictions on its nuclear program achieves that goal "better than any alternative."

Republican lawmakers largely disagree with the president's assessment that the deal blocks Iran's path to a nuclear weapon, as do some of Obama's own Democrats.

Obama says resolving the Iranian nuclear issue makes it possible to open broader talks with Iran on other is-

sues. He named Syria as an example. "Is there the possibility that having begun conversations around this narrow issue that you start getting some broader discussions about Syria, for example, and the ability of all the parties involved to try to arrive at a political transition that keeps the country intact and does not further fuel the growth of ISIL and other terrorist organizations. I think that's possible," Obama said, referring to the Islamic State

group by one of its acronyms. "But I don't think it happens immediately." Obama was interviewed by CNN's Fareed Zakaria last Thursday, hours before Chuck Schumer, the Senate's leading Jewish Democrat, announced he would oppose the agreement. Congress is expected to vote in September on a measure disapproving the deal, which Obama has promised a swift veto. Lawmakers would then have to find enough votes to over-

ride the president.

The interview is set to air as Obama vacations on the Massachusetts island of Martha's Vineyard.

He was not expected to spend much, if any, time reaching out to lawmakers on the Iran nuclear deal while he is away from Washington. "I think most of the president's time on Martha's Vineyard will be spent with his family or on the golf course or a bit of both," said White House press secretary Josh Earnest. □



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Push for higher minimum wage ignites enforcement debate

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NEW YORK (AP) — As a campaign to raise the minimum wage as high as \$15 has achieved victories in such places as Seattle, Los Angeles and New York, it has bumped up against a harsh reality: Plenty of scofflaw businesses don't pay the legal minimum now and probably won't pay the new, higher wages either.

Some economists, labor activists and regulators predict that without stronger enforcement, the number of workers getting cheated out of a legal wage is bound to increase in places where wages rise. Estimates on the size of the problem vary, but the Bureau of Labor Statistics said that in 2014, roughly 1.7 million U.S. workers — two thirds of whom were women — were illegally paid less than the federal minimum of \$7.25 per hour. Other studies put the number higher. A report by the Department of Labor in December estimated that in New York and California alone, there are 560,000 violations of the law every week, representing \$33 million in lost income.

Those figures represent workers like Celina Alvarez, who came to the U.S. from Michoacan, Mexico, four years ago and took a series of poorly paying jobs as a cook after settling in New York City. At the first two restaurants, Alvarez worked 12 hours per day, six days a week for a flat weekly wage of \$350. That comes out to about \$4.86 per hour. There were no tips and no overtime pay. Some weeks, Alvarez said, she and other women in the restaurant didn't get paid at all. Managers didn't care if they quit. They'd just



Celina Alvarez, 51, works at Jugueria de regreso al Eden, her shop in the Queens borough of New York.

(AP Photo/Tina Fineberg)

hire someone else.

"We were dispensable to them," she said.

The U.S. Labor Department investigates those types of violations and is already doing a brisk business in enforcement cases. During the last federal fiscal year, it said it recovered \$270 million in back wages for 270,000 workers.

But the agency's roughly 1,000 investigators, who police 7.3 million businesses employing 135 million workers, don't enforce

state and local wage laws, for the most part. That means that cities and states that hike their minimum wage above the federal rate of \$7.25 are on their own.

That's causing some concern that, without a robust enforcement mechanism, many workers could wind up being left behind.

"A lot of states are facing that challenge now," said David Weil, administrator of the U.S. Labor Department's Wage and Hour Di-

vision. "It is very important to pass those minimum wage increases ... Then, how do we make sure workers really receive them?"

Twenty nine states now have a minimum wage higher than the federal rate, but anti-poverty activists have been campaigning hard for municipal lawmakers to bypass both Congress and their state legislatures and set wages much higher.

Seattle, Los Angeles, and San Francisco and its Bay Area brethren, Oakland and Berkeley, have all begun phasing in a minimum wage that will hit \$15 per hour within the next few years. Labor groups in California are trying to get a measure on the ballot increasing the rate to \$15 statewide.

A regulatory board in New York took the unorthodox step last month of hiking the minimum to \$15 for fast food workers.

Other, less expensive cities have been shooting slightly lower. Chicago and Kan-

sas City, Missouri, are both raising the rate to \$13. Albuquerque, New Mexico, and, Portland, Maine, are both raising rates to just under \$11. Most of these raises are being phased in gradually over several years.

Those measures have been strenuously opposed by many corporations and entrepreneurs, who say that many businesses with thin profit margins will be forced out of business or fire workers to stay afloat.

Tia Koonse, a researcher at the UCLA Labor Center, said there is no question that some employers doing things legally now might be tempted to start breaking rules.

"If there is not a credible threat of a compliance check, then what happens?" she said.

Some municipalities that have raised wages have talked about following the example of San Francisco, which created its own labor standards enforcement division. □

Facing rising dental costs, seniors head to Mexico

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Associated Press

LOS ALGODONES, Mexico (AP) — Mark Bolzern traveled 3,700 miles to go to the dentist. The 56-year-old Anchorage, Alaska, native left home this spring, made a pit stop in Las Vegas to pick up a friend, and kept heading south, all the way to Los Algodones, Mexico, a small border town teeming with dental offices. About 60 percent of Americans have dental insurance coverage, the highest it has been in decades. But even so, the nation's older population has been largely left behind. Nearly 70 percent of seniors are

not insured, according to a study compiled by Oral Health America. A major reason is because dental care is not covered by Medicare and many employers no longer offer post-retirement health benefits. What's more, the Affordable Care Act allows enrollees to get dental coverage only if they purchase general health coverage first, which many seniors don't need. At the same time, seniors often require the most costly dental work, like crowns, implants and false teeth.

As a result, many are seeking cheaper care in places like Los Algodones, where

Mexican dentists who speak English and sometimes accept U.S. insurance offer rock-bottom prices for everything from a cleaning to implants. Dentists in Los Algodones say a large portion of their clients are seniors.

In the desert outpost near the border of California and Arizona, men in white shirts stand outside of offices with signs advertising root canals and teeth cleanings. Other signs advertise prescription drugs like muscle relaxers at low rates — no prescription needed.

For Bolzern, seeing a dentist in Los Algodones meant a

savings of up to \$62,000. He was told the extensive dental work he needed — his teeth needed to be raised and he needed a crown on every molar — would cost \$65,000 at a private dentist. He looked for lower rates, finding a dental school where the work was less expensive because it was performed by students. But it still cost \$35,000.

He paid \$3,000 in Mexico and has been back several times. The cost of dental care has surged in the last two decades and continues to increase at a rate of 5 percent annually.

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Iraq premier offers plan to trim criticized government

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BAGHDAD (AP) — Iraq's prime minister unveiled a bold plan Sunday to abolish three vice presidential posts and the offices of three deputy premiers, hoping to cut spending amid mass protests against his government as the Islamic State group still holds a third of his nation. Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi's Cabinet backed the plan, which still needs parliamentary approval, but it's unclear whether it could end the endemic corruption in Iraq's political system, where many senior appointments are determined by party patronage

and sectarian loyalties. The plan also effectively would push out of government former Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, widely criticized for inflaming sectarian tensions and appointing loyal, less-qualified senior officers to Iraq's military ahead of the Islamic State group's advance last year. While al-Maliki issued a short statement approving of the proposed plan, he previously criticized al-Abadi's rise to power last year and repeatedly has urged the current government to address the country's corruption and sectarian crises. Al-Abadi's seven-point plan would dismantle portions of the top-heavy government created in



Demonstrators chant in support of Iraqi Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi, in the poster, during a demonstration at Tahrir Square in Baghdad, Iraq, Sunday, Aug. 9, 2015. Iraq's prime minister unveiled a bold plan Sunday to abolish three vice presidential posts and the offices of three deputy premiers, hoping to cut spending amid mass protests against his government as the Islamic State group still holds a third of his nation. Arabic on poster reads "The people is your iron fist in striking the corrupt"

(AP Photo/Khalid Mohammed)

the wake of the 2003 U.S.-led invasion that toppled dictator Saddam Hussein. It would reduce spending on personal bodyguards for officials and transfer the

responsibility to the interior and defense ministries. The plan also calls for the review of all corruption cases by a committee of experts, with fresh trials for officials

suspected of wrongdoing. About a thousand demonstrators gathered late Sunday in support of al-Abadi in Baghdad's Tahrir Square.

6 US F-16 jets arrive in Turkey to fight IS

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — Six U.S. F-16 fighter jets arrived at Turkey's southern air base on Sunday to join the U.S.-led coalition fight against Islamic State militants, the U.S. military said. The U.S. European Command said in a statement that the U.S. air force deployed a "small detachment" of six F-16 jets, support equipment and about 300 personnel at Incirlik Air Base. The detachment is part of the 31st Fighter Wing based at Aviano Air Base, in Italy, it said. Turkey carried out airstrikes against IS targets in Syria last month following a suicide bombing that killed 32

people and the killing of a soldier by IS militants and agreed to allow the U.S. to use the strategically-located base. The moves ended months of reluctance by Turkey, giving it a more active role in the U.S.-led coalition against the extremist group. Last week, U.S. armed drones taking off from Incirlik struck IS positions, and Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu said an "extensive" fight against the extremists would soon begin. "The United States and Turkey, as members of the 60-plus nation coalition, are committed to the fight against ISIL in the pursuit

of peace and stability in the region," the U.S. military said, using an alternative name for the militant group. Turkish media reports say the U.S. is expected to deploy around 30 fighter jets at Incirlik for strikes against IS. Incirlik is located close to IS strongholds across the border in Syria, allowing the U.S. to move more swiftly and nimbly against IS targets. Its use would enable the U.S.-led coalition to conduct better surveillance over Syria and act quicker on intelligence than when it was limited to launching flights from places like Iraq, Jordan and the Gulf states.

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PARIS (AP) — Before the Taliban forced him to flee Afghanistan, Younis exported flowers to the United Arab Emirates and China.

The 30-year-old crossed Iran, Turkey and much of Europe before arriving in Paris a month ago, a brutal journey that left him with a discolored lesion on his ankle and a swollen leg. After weeks living on the banks of the Seine, Younis — who gave only his first name because his asylum application is still being processed — now sleeps in a former Paris high school that has been empty for four years, one of about 200 migrants living there. Paris is turning a blind eye to humanitarian groups converting abandoned public buildings like the school into migrant centers, recognizing that the 1,000 official emergency housing spots Paris has created since June are not enough to shelter all migrants left without a roof, Paris' deputy mayor, Bruno Julliard, told French radio.

The school's classrooms are lined with sleeping bags atop makeshift cardboard mattresses. Migrants drink instant coffee and eat goulash concocted from donated ingredients. It's bare-bones, but migrants, activists and many city officials agree it's better than being on the streets.

The asphalt courtyard echoes with myriad languages as migrants kick soccer balls, play cards, or paint murals on the school's peeling walls. Younis studies, writing French in meticulous cursive next to translations in his native Dari. The alphabet is different and the sounds are foreign, but he said the real challenge is that "I don't have a job or a place to stay, I can't read, I

can't focus."

Learning French is his first effort toward integration. Younis emphasizes that he is here out of necessity, not because he wants handouts. "I'm not poor," he said. "I like my country. I lived with my family. If I didn't have to leave, I would live in Afghanistan."

Camille Arrignon, 23, teaches the French classes Younis attends. She said migrants need more than a room; shelters should include French instruction, legal help and health care access. "I want to defend them not because of politics," she said, "but because they are humans. As humans, they have the right to a place to stay."

France has approximately 25,000 beds designated for asylum seekers, a number far short of the needs of the nearly 70,000 who applied for asylum in the country last year, part of



In this photo, Camille Arrignon, 23, from France gives a French lesson to the migrants on the grounds of the Guillaume-Bude secondary school building in Paris. For now, Paris is largely allowing associations to convert some vacant public buildings like this Paris high school into emergency lodging for around 200 migrants.
(AP Photo/Kamil Zihnioglu)

what Julliard called the "unprecedented migrant crisis" facing Europe. He said allowing migrants to

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As it turns 50, Singapore celebrates success amid challenges

ANNABELLE LIANG

Associated Press

SINGAPORE (AP) — Singapore threw a big party Sunday for its 50th anniversary of independence and unrivaled economic success in a region struggling with poverty and political instability, even as the city-state began feeling the pinch of a midlife crisis.

As fighter jets screamed through the sky and nationalist songs blared, leaders made speeches and people took advantage of free rides on trains and buses. While marveling at the island's leap from a poor colonial port to a wealthy metropolis, Singaporeans

are also grappling with a growing resentment over political restrictions, an influx of foreign labor and a rising cost of living.

"This is a milestone. Coming from an older generation that has seen Singapore through the early years of independence, I know it took hard work by our leaders to get here," said William Nathan, 70.

The weekend of celebrations culminated Sunday with a military parade and a fireworks display. The sense of unity and pride in Singapore's achievements was reinforced with a tribute video dedicated to its founder and longest-serv-



Fireworks explode above Singapore's financial skyline as part of celebrations for the nation's 50th year of independence, Sunday, Aug. 9, 2015, in Singapore. Singapore declared independence on August 9, 1965. (AP Photo/Wong Maye-E)

ing leader, Lee Kuan Yew, who died in March at age 91, after running a virtually one-party state.

To Lee and his cohort of leaders, setting Singapore on the path to economic success meant putting in place tough policies to try to harmonize a racial mix of majority Chinese and minority Malays and Indians.

Lee, who was prime minister for more than three decades, had no tolerance for political dissent. Opposition figures were either defeated in elections or taken to court on defamation charges until they were bankrupt. The country's laws prohibit bankrupts from contesting elections.

His son, current Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong, is now steering Singapore with similar restrictions, and is facing a general election

expected to be held Sept. 12. The ruling People's Action Party, which holds 80 of 87 parliamentary seats, suffered its worst results in 2011 elections.

Most of the mainstream media are controlled by government-linked companies, and the few independent news websites that exist are wary of strict defamation laws that government leaders have often used to silence critics. Reporters Without Borders' 2015 World Press Freedom Index ranked Singapore 153rd of 180 countries, below Gambia and the Democratic Republic of Congo. The government's recent moves to take a teenage blogger to court and require popular news sites to obtain licenses were met with outrage from the online community. But there were no street protests — demonstrations in Sin-

gapore can be held only in a designated area, the 0.97-hectare (2.4-acre) Hong Lim Park. All other gatherings require a police permit.

"Robbing Singaporeans of freedom is like killing part of the nation's soul at any time. Is there a price on stealing a soul?" said senior research associate Bridget Welsh of National Taiwan University's Center for East Asia Democratic Studies. "Singaporeans would have made more progress if there had been more freedom, more ideas, more voices to address the country's challenges," she said.

When the population boomed to over 2 million in the 1970s from 1.89 million at independence, Lee vigorously campaigned for women to stop at two children - fearing it would impede economic growth. □

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Argentines vote in presidential, congressional primaries

PETER PRENGAMAN

Associated Press

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina

(AP) — Millions of voters in Argentina braved rains on Sunday to weigh in on what the South American nation should look like after the departure of President Cristina Fernandez, who along with her late husband guided the country for 12 years with social welfare policies aimed at the poor while often employing combative rhetoric and protectionist policies with other nations. Voters were casting ballots in open primaries for presidential candidates who have all but sealed the nominations in their respective parties, making the exercise essentially a giant national poll ahead of the Oct. 25 elections. The nation known for its soccer players, tango dancing and choice beef is struggling with myriad

economic problems. Independent analysts put inflation at over 30 percent and the Argentine peso has slid sharply against the American dollar in recent months. A long-standing dispute with U.S. hedge funds that Fernandez calls “vultures” has kept foreign investors away. Polls show voters deeply divided about how, and who, is best to tackle those issues. “We need improvements in every area of life,” said Hector Ramirez, a 65-year-old doorman, who said he was still undecided as he waited in line to vote at an elementary school. “Argentina is a glorious country with abundant resources. The problem has always been who is governing.” The primaries will help the top candidates judge how their campaigns are faring ahead of the general elections — in particular how



Argentina's President Cristina Fernandez smiles to photographers before casting her ballot in open primary elections in Rio Gallegos, Argentina, Sunday, Aug. 9, 2015. Voters will decide Presidential candidates in their respective parties ahead of the Oct. 25, 2015 general elections. (AP Photo/Francisco Munoz)

closely to align their platforms to the social welfare policies of Fernandez's political movement, known as Kirchnerismo. Daniel Scioli, the governor of the Buenos Aires prov-

ince and a former vice president, is Fernandez's successor candidate. He has praised her policies but also promised to make reforms where necessary and be more amicable in

dealings with other countries. Mauricio Macri, the former mayor of Buenos Aires and ex-president of the popular Boca Junior soccer club, is the top opposition candidate. □

Venezuelan opposition stages march against hunger, crime

HANNAH DREIER

Associated Press

CARACAS, Venezuela

(AP) — Critics of Venezuela's socialist administration staged a small protest against hunger and crime in Caracas Saturday as the South American country struggles to control violence in food lines. The past week saw daily reports of looting in supermarkets and raids on food trucks. The country's opposition coalition called for Saturday's march after a man was killed and 60 were arrested amid the looting of several grocery stores in an industrial town. There have been 56 episodes of looting and 76 looting attempts in the first half of 2015, according to

the nonprofit Venezuelan Observatory of Social Conflict. President Nicolas Maduro has called these episodes part of a plot to weaken the country's 16-year-old revolution, and has accused the United States of helping orchestrate them. Many pantry staples have become scarce here in recent years, including flour, refined sugar, cooking oil and milk, but it's not clear that hunger or malnutrition are actually on the rise. Government statistics show nutrition continuing to improve, and officials have rolled out a campaign to reduce the country's 40 percent obesity rate by half. While several sought-after items are almost never



A woman holds a sign that reads in Spanish: “Against hunger and crime” during an anti-government march in Caracas, Venezuela, Saturday, Aug. 8, 2015. The country's opposition coalition called for the march after a man was killed and dozens arrested amid the looting of several grocery stores in an industrial town. (AP Photo/Ariana Cubillos)

seen in supermarkets, filled with other goods like rice, beans, cheese, ce-

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Disorder rife as Haitians vote in delayed elections

EVENS SANON
Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP)

— Haitians were electing legislators to Parliament Sunday after a yearslong

the 30-member Senate and the entire 99-member Chamber of Deputies.

But a number of polling stations across the country of 10 million people had to

In the crowded capital, at least three voting centers were shut down by authorities after fistfights broke out as partisans attempted to stuff ballot boxes and en-

of voting more than once. Observers from various political parties complained election officials did not give them access to voting centers.

Still, Haitian Prime Minister Evans Paul said the government was satisfied with how the legislative elections were being handled, "despite the incidents that we would like to firmly condemn." The vote was taking place roughly eight months after Haiti's legislature was dissolved because the terms of lawmakers expired before new elections could be held.

It's the first election Haiti has held under President Michel Martelly, who took office in May 2011 and is in the final year of a five-year term. He has governed by decree since Parliament dissolved in January and cannot run for a consecutive term. In the absence of elections, Martelly has been accused of stacking the deck in his favor by appointing mayors and other municipal officials to replace those whose terms expired.

Roughly 5.8 million people were registered to vote and over 1,850 candidates from nearly 130 political parties were running. Elections in Haiti are never easy and the country's Provisional Electoral Council has long been criticized for votes plagued by disorganization, ballot irregularities and fraud allegations. □



A man is detained by the police for allegedly casting his vote twice, during parliamentary elections in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Sunday, Aug. 9, 2015. Haitians are electing legislators to Parliament after a very long wait. It's been roughly eight months since the legislature was dissolved and nearly four years since the vote was supposed to be held.

(AP Photo/Dieu Nalio Chery)

wait, but the vote was plagued with delays, disorder and occasional fistfights and rock throwing. The legislative elections had been postponed for nearly four years due to a political showdown between Haiti's executive and opposition, and they have been billed as a crucial test of the country's electoral system ahead of a presidential vote in October. Sunday's first round seeks to fill two thirds of

wait for ballots hours after voting was supposed to start at 6:00 a.m. (1000 GMT). In sections of Port-au-Prince, voters grew exasperated after being told they couldn't cast ballots because their names weren't on official voting lists.

"This is very frustrating. Are they trying to discourage voting?" gardener Gerald Henry complained to a reporter after election workers turned him away.

gauge in other irregularities. At one voting center in downtown Port-au-Prince, groups of young men ripped up paper ballots as heavily armed police shot into the air to re-establish order. Rocks were thrown in response before authorities closed the polling station.

Local media also reported the closure of polling places in other sections of the country and scattered arrests of people accused

CARIBBEAN

Guyana: Talks have resumed with China over airport project

GEORGETOWN, Guyana (AP)

— Guyana says work to extend the South American country's main airport runway is expected to resume following a dispute with a Chinese state company. Infrastructure Minister David Patterson says significant progress has been made in recent conversations with China Harbour Engineering Co. The weekend announcement comes after the government complained about missed deadlines, high costs and what it claimed was failure to do proper engineering studies. The project to extend the runway at Cheddi Jagan International Airport by about 3,200 feet (1,000 meters) was expected to be completed by September. Guyana had signed a \$138 million agreement in 2011 with Chinese officials.

Puerto Rico to get \$10M to fight drugs, increase security

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP)

— Puerto Rico's representative in Congress says the U.S. territory is slated to receive \$10 million in federal funds to help fight drug trafficking, boost security and respond to natural disasters. Pedro Pierluisi said Saturday the Federal Emergency Management Agency will allocate the money under four separate grants. He also announced the Federal Aviation Administration will allocate \$3.8 million, the majority of which will go toward runway improvements at three small airports, including an international airfield in the northwest coastal town of Aguadilla. □

Ex-USVI official charged in \$17M in bribery scheme

CHARLOTTE AMALIE, U.S. Virgin Islands (AP)

— A former U.S. Virgin Islands government official has been charged in a \$17 million bribery scheme. The U.S. Justice Department says Julito Francis faces 11 counts including conspir-

acy, bribery and perjury. He was the Public Finance Authority's former director of finance and administration. Also charged are a construction company owner and the co-principal of an architectural company. They are scheduled

to appear in court Aug. 12. The indictment states that construction company owner Gerard Castor provided more than \$400,000 in improvements to Francis' home and more than \$100,000 to the property of co-principal John Woods.

Authorities say that Castor's company in return obtained more than \$17 million in construction contracts including one to build a library in St. Thomas. Attorneys for the men could not be reached for comment. □



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In this March 25, 2010 file photo, Kathie Lee Gifford and Frank Gifford arrive at the opening night performance of the Broadway musical 'Come Fly Away' in New York. Associated Press

Pro Football Hall of Famer Frank Gifford dies at 84

NEW YORK (AP) — Pro Football Hall of Famer Frank Gifford has died. He was 84. In a statement released by NBC News on Sunday, his family said Gifford died suddenly at his Connecticut home of natural causes that morning. His wife, Kathie Lee Gifford, is a host for NBC's "Today." A versatile star on both offense and defense in an era when NFL players were starting to specialize, Gifford went on to a successful second career as a broadcaster on "Monday Night Football." Gifford was the NFL's Most Valuable Player in 1956 when he led the New York Giants to a league championship.

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IT'S A SHANE

Ireland's Lowry triumphs at Firestone

Shane Lowry, from Ireland, pumps his fist as he watches his birdie putt on the 18th hole to win the Bridgestone Invitational golf tournament at Firestone Country Club, Sunday, Aug. 9, 2015, in Akron, Ohio.

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Gifford

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"We rejoice in the extraordinary life he was privileged to live, and we feel grateful and blessed to have been loved by such an amazing human being," his family said in the statement. "We ask that our privacy be respected at this difficult time and we thank you for your prayers."

Gifford was the centerpiece of a Giants offense that went to five NFL title games in the 1950s and '60s. Beginning in 1971 he worked for ABC's "Monday Night Football," at first as a play-by-play announcer and then as an analyst. Later in life he stayed in the spotlight through his marriage to Kathie Lee Gifford, who famously called him a "human love machine" and "lamb-chop" to her millions of viewers.

Gifford hosted "Wide World of Sports," covered several Olympics — his call of Franz



In this Sept. 15, 2013 file photo, former New York Giants player Frank Gifford looks on before an NFL football game between the New York Giants and the Denver Broncos in East Rutherford, N.J. Associated Press

Klammer's gold medal run in 1976 is considered a broadcasting masterpiece — and announced 588 consecutive NFL games for ABC, not even taking time off after the death of his mother shortly before a broadcast in 1986.

While he worked with others, including Dan Dierdorf, Al Michaels, Joe Namath and O.J. Simpson, Gifford was most known for the

eight years he served as a calm buffer between the folksy Don Meredith and acerbic Howard Cosell.

In its early years the show was a cultural touchstone, with cities throwing parades for the visiting announcers and celebrities such as John Lennon and Ronald Reagan making appearances.

"I hate to use the words 'American institution,' but

there's no other way to put it, really," Gifford told The Associated Press in 1993. "There's nothing else like it."

A handsome straight-shooter who came off as earnest and sincere, Gifford was popular with viewers, even if some accused him of being a shill for the NFL.

He experienced the highs and lows as an NFL player. Gifford fumbled twice early in the 1958 NFL championship game, both of which led to Baltimore Colts touchdowns, and later came up short on a critical third down. The Colts eventually won 23-17 in the league's first overtime game. The thrilling finish helped popularize the NFL and was dubbed "The Greatest Game Ever Played," although not by Gifford.

"Not my greatest game," Gifford told the AP in 2008. "I fumbled going out (of the end zone) and I fumbled going in."

Gifford and his teammates

felt he was robbed by an incorrectly spotted ball with less than three minutes left in the fourth quarter, though video technology employed for a 50th anniversary documentary indicated the call was correct. In any event, the Giants were forced to punt in the '58 game, leading to a famous drive led by Colts quarterback Johnny Unitas to send it into overtime.

Gifford had his best year in 1956, rushing for 819 yards, picking up 603 yards receiving and scoring nine touchdowns in 12 games. The Giants routed the Chicago Bears 47-7 at Yankee Stadium, where Gifford shared a locker with Mickey Mantle.

A crushing hit by 233-pound Eagles linebacker Chuck Bednarik in November 1960 flattened Gifford and likely shortened his football career. Bednarik was pictured standing over the unconscious Gifford, pumping his fist in a celebration thought by many to be over the top. □

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HOWARD FENDRICH

AP Tennis Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Kei Nishikori already was going to enter the U.S. Open brimming with confidence, thanks to his runner-up finish

at the Citi Open in Washington, D.C., last week. Nishikori, a 6-foot-10 American who fell to 0-3 in Citi Open finals.

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Sloane Stephens poses with her trophy after she beat Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova, of Russia, 6-1, 6-2, in a women's singles final match at the Citi Open tennis tournament, Sunday, Aug. 9, 2015, in Washington.

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ish there a year ago. A title at a hard-court tuneup a few weeks before heading to Flushing Meadows only helps.

Getting his game in shape ahead of the season's last Grand Slam tournament, Nishikori came back to beat big-serving John Isner 4-6, 6-4, 6-4 on Sunday for his first Citi Open title.

"I just can't wait to play the U.S. Open," said Japan's Nishikori, who lost the 2014 final in New York to Marin Cilic, the man he beat in Washington's semifinals Saturday. "I'm just excited again, playing on a big stage."

The second-seeded Nishikori weathered 18 aces from the eighth-seeded Is-

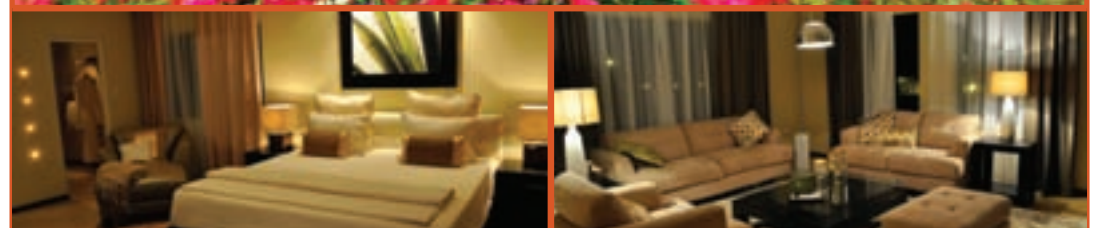
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When a reporter mistakenly asked about dropping four Washington finals, Isner held up three fingers and said with a chuckle: "It's not that bad. Come on. I'm not the Buffalo Bills just yet."

He won a title at Atlanta last week.

"I'm certainly a bit low on fuel, probably, but as far as health goes, there's nothing (injured) per se. ... Maybe I didn't have quite as much pop on my serve today," Isner said. "I've thrown a lot of pitches the last two weeks."

Tellingly, during the trophy ceremony, Isner made sure to thank his chiropractor

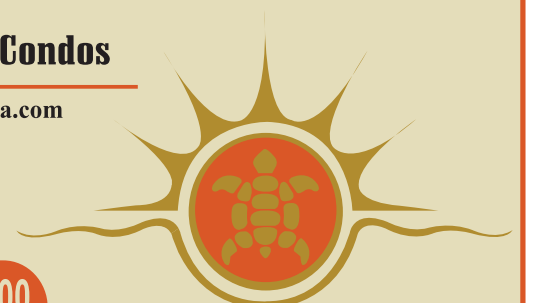


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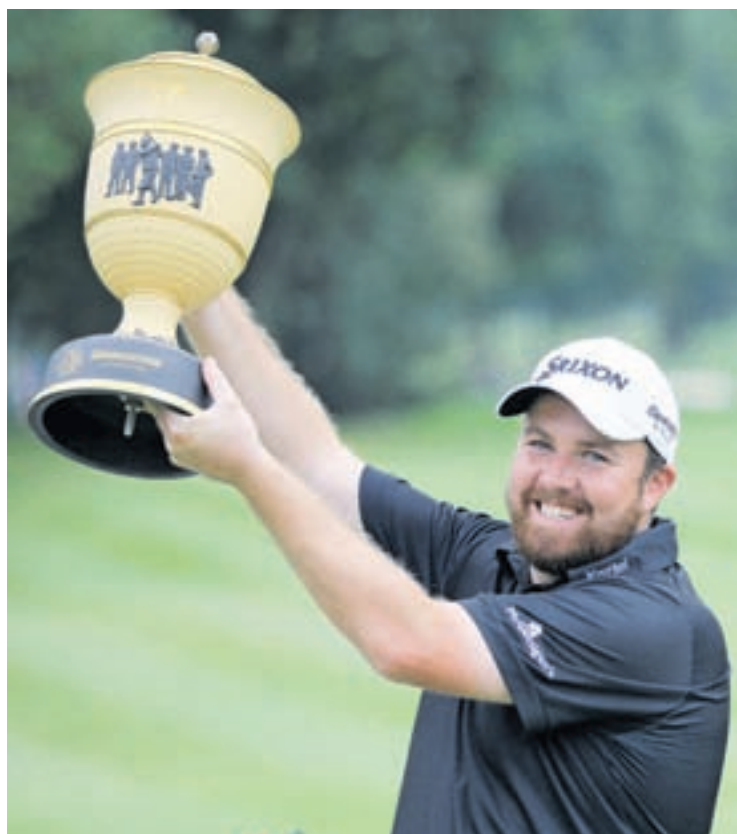
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Shane Lowry, from Ireland, holds up the trophy after winning the Bridgestone Invitational golf tournament at Firestone Country Club, Sunday, Aug. 9, 2015, in Akron, Ohio. Lowry finished the tournament at 11-under par. Associated Press

Lowry wins Bridgestone for a world golf title

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AP Golf Writer

AKRON, Ohio (AP) — With no mistakes and two great escapes from the trees, Shane Lowry of Ireland introduced himself on a world stage Sunday by winning the Bridgestone Invitational.

He locked up victory in this World Golf Championship with a shot through the trees from left of the 18th fairway that descended over a bunker and settled just over 10 feet away for one final birdie and a 4-under 66.

"I was trying to get it to the front right of the green, but I pulled it a little bit," Lowry

said. "Obviously, it went through the tree, and the rest is history. I couldn't believe I was seeing the ball coming down from there, coming down on the green."

He won by two shots over Bubba Watson, who also shot 66.

Lowry won the Irish Open as an amateur in 2009, and he picked up his first European Tour victory in 2012 in Portugal.

In a final round at Firestone against a trio of major champions, Lowry produced a flawless card of no bogeys and plenty of emotional fist pumps to celebrate the biggest win of his career. He is the first non-PGA Tour member to win a WGC since Martin Kaymer at the 2011 HSBC Champions.

"I can't believe it," Lowry said. "I've played well most of the year, but these last four days are very special." Jim Furyk and Justin Rose, who shared the 54-hole lead, couldn't keep up. Both closed with a 72 to tie for third, four shots behind. Lowry had a one-shot lead when Furyk made his second bogey on the front nine, but the 28-year-old Irishman appeared to be in trouble with a wild hook off the 10th tee. Instead, he powered a wedge as high as he could, over a tree and listened for the gallery's roar to hear the results. It plopped down and rolled to within tap-in range for a birdie that gave him control, and he never let up.

Just as important as his birdies were two pars on the back nine when he was trying to steady his nerves.

Lowry found a deep bunker left of the 14th fairway, came up short of the green and faced an 18-foot par putt that he buried to stay two shots ahead. Watson was up to his old theatrics with a shot out of the trees to 6 feet for birdie on the 17th to get within one shot. Lowry, playing two groups

behind him, pulled his approach on the 17th and faced a tough chip from behind the green and he could only get within 6 feet. He holed that for another big par to keep his cushion.

"I was just trying to make two pars coming in after I saw Bubba make his birdie on 17," Lowry said. "The up-and-down on 17 was probably the biggest up-and-down of the week considering the circumstances."

The finish was a bonus and meant he could celebrate early, for it gave Lowry a three-shot margin over Furyk and Rose, the only players still on the course. Graeme McDowell, his close friend, waited around to congratulate him outside the scoring area. Lowry had qualified eight previous times for the WGCs, and he famously took out Rory McIlroy in the first round of the Match Play in 2013. Furyk played with him Saturday and liked what he saw.

"What I had been told a couple years ago was that he had a beautiful short game, kind of a scrappy player," Furyk said Saturday. "I don't think that did it justice. I thought he hit the ball pretty well. I liked his game."

Lowry finished at 11-under 269 and earned \$1.57 million, along with a PGA Tour card for the next three years. He had been a special temporary member.

Watson was stunned that two wedges down the stretch bounced so hard on the greens and took away reasonable birdie chances — one on the par-5 16th and on the closing hole after a drive that rolled out nearly 380 yards. "I nipped it, took paint off the ball and cut it with a 63-degree lob wedge and it just bounced," Watson said. "Now knowing that if I had hit the tree, it spins more on 18. That's what I should have done. Tell Lowry that was unbelievable." □

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Dos Santos has debut goal, assist as Galaxy win 3-1

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CARSON, Calif. (AP) —

Giovani dos Santos is still getting to know his LA Galaxy teammates, and he isn't yet in ideal game shape.

That didn't stop the Mexican playmaker from having a dynamic MLS debut for his loaded new team.

Dos Santos had a goal and an assist Sunday in his first MLS game, leading the Galaxy to a 3-1 victory over the Seattle Sounders.

After setting up captain Robbie Keane's tiebreaking goal in the 47th minute, dos Santos confidently scored his first goal in the 64th minute, taking a beautiful pass from Keane on the run and burying his shot past Stefan Frei.

The sellout crowd at StubHub Center gave a standing ovation when dos Santos left in the 69th minute after delivering the latest big debut for the defending MLS champions.

"We created a lot of chances," dos Santos said. "For me, it's very easy to play with a team like that. ... I think we have a lot of possibility. We can achieve every goal we want. We have a great team."

Dos Santos started up front alongside Keane and took corner kicks as the Galaxy (11-7-7) officially unveiled the newest acquisition in their star-studded lineup. Dos Santos, who also scored a goal in a CONCACAF Champions League match Thursday, even lived up to the standard set by English star Steven Gerrard, who had a goal and an assist in his winning Galaxy debut last month.

With David Beckham watching from a luxury suite, Gyasi Zardes also scored as the Galaxy un-



Los Angeles Galaxy's Giovani Dos Santos, right, shoots under pressure by Seattle Sounders' Zach Scott during the first half of an MLS soccer match, Sunday, Aug. 9, 2015, in Carson, Calif.

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leashed the full might of their reloaded roster for the first time. The five-time champs have scored 22 goals in their last five MLS home games, staying in the Western Conference race despite a slow start to the season and continued struggles on the road.

"We have a long way to go," coach Bruce Arena said. "We've played 25 different lineups in 25 games. Hopefully over the next month or so, we start getting in good form. ... Dos Santos is going to take a little time, but I think already the chemistry with his teammates is really good." Chad Barrett scored in the opening minute for the Sounders (10-12-2), who competed without any designated players after leaving Clint Dempsey and Obafemi Martins at home from the rivalry game. Dempsey strained his hamstring in training Friday, and Martins still isn't quite ready to return from a groin injury. Barrett also left the game with an injured right hamstring immediately after his stunning opening-minute goal. Zardes equalized in the 13th minute with his 25th career MLS goal.

But the sellout crowd was

most eager to see Dos Santos, who wears the No. 10 Galaxy shirt most recently occupied by the retired Landon Donovan. Dos Santos also is likely to play in the midfield at some point, although Arena won't use him there until his match fitness is optimal.

The 26-year-old dos Santos began training with the Galaxy a week ago after arriving from Mexico's Gold Cup title run. The two-time World Cup performer spent the past two seasons with Villarreal in La Liga after a career that began in Barcelona's famed La Masia academy.

While dos Santos' European career was inconsistent, the Galaxy have been chasing him for years, believing his combination of offensive flair and Mexican heritage would be an enormous boost on the field and among Southern California's enormous Mexican-American population. When MLS altered its designated player rules to allow a fourth big-ticket addition this summer, the Galaxy swiftly closed a deal to add even more talent to their side — and dos Santos immediately showed the flair they expect.

Donovan Ricketts made his first home start in three years for the Galaxy, who

reacquired the goalkeeper from Orlando City after Jaime Penedo left the club. □

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Joey Logano wins at Watkins Glen, saves fuel this time

JOHN KEKIS

AP Sports Writer

WATKINS GLEN, N.Y. (AP) —

Joey Logano kept his foot on the gas pedal a little bit longer than usual after taking the checkered flag at Watkins Glen International, a huge cloud of smoke wafting toward victory lane.

This time he had more than enough left in the tank of his No. 22 Ford.

"It makes up a lot for last week," Logano said Sunday after notching his first Sprint Cup victory on a road course and second of the season. He also won the season-opening Daytona 500.

"It's nice it played out this time. We may not have had the fastest race car, but the execution of the day is what won us this race. What goes around comes around, I guess."

A week after running out of gas while leading at Pocono with three laps to go, Logano passed Kevin Harvick on the final turn of the 90-lap race as Harvick ran dry.

Logano completed the first



Joey Logano celebrates in Victory Lane after winning a NASCAR Sprint Cup series auto race at Watkins Glen International, Sunday, Aug. 9, 2015, in Watkins Glen, N.Y.

NASCAR weekend sweep at the track after winning the Xfinity race Saturday. He also gave Roger Penske his first Cup victory at The Glen.

"It means an awful lot to Team Penske," team vice chairman Walt Czarniecki said. "I believe this is our winningest track in the whole history of our company going back to the Trans-Am and Can-Am, so

this is particularly meaningful for us."

Kyle Busch, who ran out of fuel on the last lap at Pocono while leading, finished second and moved to 30th in points, the cut-off to make the Chase for the Sprint Cup title as he continued his remarkable surge.

"I had a chance. I could've raced the 22," said Busch, six points ahead of Cole

Whitt and just one behind Justin Allgaier. "I felt like I was better than he was, but my crew chief (Adam Stevens) called in scared on the fuel situation from last week and I don't blame him. We didn't want to do the same thing."

Harvick coasted home third, Matt Kenseth was fourth, and Kurt Busch fifth. Clint Bowyer, Brad Keselowski, Carl Edwards, Sam Hornish Jr. and Jimmie Johnson rounded out the top 10.

Tony Stewart, who qualified third, was competing at Watkins Glen for the first time after missing the previous two Cup races at the track. He was nursing a broken right leg two years ago and sat out last year's race after the sprint car he was driving in a race at nearby Canandaigua struck and killed 20-year-old driver Kevin Ward Jr. the night before Stewart was scheduled to race at Watkins Glen.

On Friday, Stewart again had to revisit that tragedy. Attorneys representing the Ward family filed a wrong-

ful death lawsuit against Stewart, another hurdle in what has been a season without much hope until recently, and Sunday marked the one-year anniversary of Ward's death. Stewart, a five-time winner at The Glen, was greeted warmly by fans during driver introductions but finished last after his car broke a rear gear midway through the 90-lap race. In the last road race of his NASCAR career, Jeff Gordon had brake problems and finished 41st to take another big hit in points.

The race turned on strategy. Martin Truex Jr., who started second, pitted after a red flag just past the midpoint of the race as the top drivers stayed out.

Harvick, who pitted two laps before Truex, then gained the lead on a restart on Lap 61, passing Kenseth and pulling out to a lead of over a half-second with Truex third.

Harvick's crew told him he was two laps short on fuel as the race wound down, but he did enough conserving to salvage a podium finish.

"I thought I'd done a pretty good job of saving fuel under the caution," Harvick said. "Really, I was just running as fast as I needed to. Once the 22 got there, I had to pick up the pace." Truex's chances disappeared when he suffered a flat left front tire and was forced to pit with 22 laps left around the 2.45-mile natural terrain course. He finished 25th.

Busch had to pit from the lead with just over 30 laps left and dropped deep in the field. He then steadily mounted an aggressive charge back and got past Harvick for second after the final turn. □

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Facing Islamic State threat, Iraq digitizes national library

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BAGHDAD (AP) — The dimly lit, dust-caked stacks of the Baghdad National Library hide a treasure of the ages: crinkled, yellowing papers holding the true stories of sultans and kings; imperialists and socialists; occupation and liberation; war and peace.

These are the original chronicles of Iraq's rich and tumultuous history — and now librarians and academics in Baghdad are working feverishly to preserve what's left after thousands of documents were lost or damaged at the height of the U.S.-led invasion.

As Islamic State militants set out to destroy Iraq's history and culture, including irreplaceable books and manuscripts kept in the militant-held city of Mosul, a major preservation and digitization project is underway in the capital to safeguard a millennium worth of history.

In darkrooms in the library's back offices, employees use specialized lighting to photograph some of the most-precious manuscripts. Mazin Ibrahim Ismail, the head of the microfilm department, said they're testing the process with documents from the Interior Ministry under Iraq's last monarch, Faisal II, who ruled from 1939 to 1958.

"Once restoration for some of the older documents from the Ottoman era, 200 to 250 years ago, is completed, we will begin to photograph those onto microfilm," Ismail said. He said the digital archives, which will not be made available immediately to the public, is more to ensure their contents survive any future threat. The restoration process is nothing short of mi-



This Tuesday, July 28, 2015 photo shows restored books and documents at the Baghdad National Library in Iraq.

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croscopy, and the type of damage to each document is a story — and a puzzle — on its own. Some manuscripts are torn from overuse and aging; others are burned or stained from attack or sabotage. And then there are some that were completely fossilized over time — the combined result of moisture and scorching temperatures — looking instead like large rocks dug up from the earth.

"Those are the most difficult books to restore," said Fatma Khudair, the senior employee in the restoration department. "We apply steam using a specialized tool to try to loosen and separate the pages."

"Sometimes, we are able to save those books and then apply other restoration techniques, but with others, the damage is irre-

versible," she added. Technicians sterilize manuscripts and documents for 48 hours, washing them of dust and other impurities that accumulated over time. Then, they go page by page using Japanese tissue, specialized paper for book conservation and restoration, to either fill in torn edges or layer the more-delicate documents with a sheer coating to make them more durable. The Baghdad National Library, established by the British in 1920 on donations and first overseen by a Catholic priest, has weathered violent upheaval before. At the start of the 2003 U.S.-led occupation, when chaos gripped the capital, arsonists set fire to the library, destroying 25 percent of its books and some 60 percent of its archives, including priceless

Ottoman records. Archives from 1977 to 2003 burned to ashes. Earlier archives from 1920 to 1977, including sensitive Interior Ministry documents, had been stored in rice bags and survived the blaze.

During the invasion of Iraq, "we had an alternative site for the most important books and documents at the Department of Tourism," said Jamal Abdel-Majeed Abdulkareem, acting director of Baghdad libraries and archives. "Then books and the important documents were exposed to water because the American tanks destroyed

the water pipes and water leaked onto these important cultural materials."

Around 400,000 pages of documents — some dating back to the Ottoman period — and 4,000 rare books were damaged when the pipes broke. They included the library's precious Hebrew archives, most of which later were moved to Washington.

A team of experts from the Library of Congress visited Baghdad to help assess the damage and recommended building a new national library. More than a decade later, a state-of-the-art, 45,000-square-meter (484,380-square-foot) replacement by London-based AMBS Architects is scheduled to open next year. Until then, the Baghdad National Library is looking to help those in conflict-ridden areas enjoy and appreciate Iraqi culture. Library officials say that sharing Iraqi art and literature is key to combatting terrorism. In recent months, the library donated some 2,500 books to libraries in Iraq's Diyala province after Iraqi forces recaptured towns there from Islamic State militants. The militants "want history to reflect their own views instead of the way it actually happened," Abdulkareem said. "So when an area is liberated, we send them books to replenish whatever was stolen or destroyed, but also, so that Iraqis in this area have access to these materials so they can always feel proud of their rich history." □

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Buffett's company reports 37 percent drop in 2Q earnings

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OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Warren Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway reported a 37 per-

cent drop in its second-quarter profit as the paper value of its investments fell and its insurance companies reported an underwriting loss. Berkshire Hathaway's net income fell to \$4.01 billion, or \$2,442 per

Class A share. That's down from last year's \$6.4 billion, or \$3,889 per share. Those results were helped by a \$1.1 billion paper gain on a reported per share profit of \$2,367, down from \$2,634. Buffett recommends investors pay more attention to Berkshire's quarterly oper-

ating earnings because they exclude the swings in the value of investments and derivatives, which can vary greatly from quarter to quarter. Berkshire's investments and derivatives added \$123 million this quarter, compared to last year's \$2.06 billion. A year ago, Berkshire traded most of its Graham Holdings stock for Miami-based television station WPLG, some Berkshire stock and cash. Berkshire officials do not typically comment on their quarterly earnings reports, and they did not immediately respond to an interview request this weekend. Berkshire's latest major deal that created the Kraft Heinz Food Co. closed just after the second quarter ended, so it's not reflected in these results. But Berkshire said it expects to record a \$7 billion gain on the Kraft deal in the third quarter.

Berkshire teamed up with the Brazilian investment firm 3G Capital to acquire Kraft through their ketchup maker H.J. Heinz. The deal created one of the world's largest food companies with annual revenue of about \$28 billion. Berkshire owns 27 percent of the new Kraft Heinz. Andy Kilpatrick, who wrote "Of Permanent Value: The Story of Warren Buffett," said the Kraft deal will make up for the rough second-quarter results. "That's the real positive of the year, and that will

come in the third quarter," Kilpatrick said. Berkshire's insurance companies, which include Geico and General Reinsurance, reported a \$38 million underwriting loss compared to last year's \$411 million gain. The negative swing was driven by higher claims at Geico and \$115 million in storm losses in Australia that Berkshire insured.

Berkshire said Geico customers may see rate increases as a result of the increase in claims. The insurance results were especially disappointing because that is one of Berkshire's core business groups, said Edward Jones analyst Jim Shanahan. And reinsurance rates are unlikely to improve soon because competition has increased significantly. But investors may give Berkshire the benefit of the doubt if they focus on positive areas of the report, like the Kraft deal and subsidiaries that performed well, Shanahan said. Berkshire's BNSF railroad generated \$963 million net income, up from \$916 a year ago, despite relatively flat volume and weaker demand for coal and crude oil shipments because service improved. □



Berkshire Hathaway Chairman and CEO Warren Buffett speaks in Omaha, Neb. Berkshire Hathaway reported poor quarterly financial results over the weekend.

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stock exchange deal. Revenue grew 3 percent to \$51.4 billion. The four analysts surveyed by FactSet expected Berkshire to report operating earnings per Class A share of \$2,997.14. By that measure Berkshire

added hundreds of millions of dollars to state coffers. Meanwhile, Amazon told state officials this summer that it had 3,500-plus Texas employees and had made \$300 million in capital investment statewide through the end of last year — exceeding benchmarks set as part of the agreement. Comptroller Glen Hegar, who wasn't in office when the deal was struck, is nonetheless praising it. "I believe Texas benefited from the deal with Amazon. The agreement meant Amazon began collecting and remitting taxes to the state, which the comptroller's office felt were legally due," Hegar said. "The agreement also allowed Amazon to start building warehouses and to greatly

Texas-Amazon sales tax deal benefited both sides, data shows

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Three years on, a much-watched deal to settle a sales tax collection dispute between Texas and Amazon.com appears to have benefited both sides, according to an analysis published Sunday by The Austin American-Statesman.

The agreement saw the state drop its demand that the e-commerce giant pay \$269 million in back sales taxes in exchange for Amazon agreeing to collect state sales taxes beginning July 1, 2012. The Seattle-based firm also got incentives to create jobs and make capital investments statewide.

The Statesman used Texas comptroller's office data to show that collecting sales taxes from Texas residents on Amazon purchases

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expand their physical presence in the state, which was largely beneficial to the economy."

The 2012 agreement, reached under then-Comptroller Susan Combs, ended two-plus years of back tax battles between Texas and Amazon and also saw the company offer an "immaterial payment" to settle the state's complaint.

Since July 2012, sales tax revenue in Amazon's sector has gone up more than \$325 million. State law prohibits the comptroller's office from releasing sales tax collections by individual companies, but since Amazon is the world's largest online retailer, its sales in Texas likely constitute a significant portion of that increase.

The spat began in September 2010, when Combs ordered the company to pay \$269 million for uncollected sales taxes from 2005 to 2009.

Amazon responded by threatening to close a facility it operated in Irving, eliminating 119 jobs and shutting Texas out of future expansion plans. The company had long opposed collecting taxes, though it had reached a previous agreement with Nevada that delayed its sales tax collections there until 2014. When Texas struck its agreement with the firm, Combs called it "the best deal in the United States," because while other states were waiting years to collect the tax, Texas only waited 60 days.

Michael Mazerov, senior

fellow with Washington, D.C.-based Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, called the Texas-Amazon agreement a national game-changer.

It "completely turned the tide nationally in terms of how Amazon dealt with this issue," Mazerov said.

In addition to collecting sales taxes, the deal mandated Amazon achieving hiring and investment benchmarks by the end of 2014.

In a May 7 letter to the comptroller's office, Paul Misener, Amazon's vice president for global public policy, wrote that the company had now "satisfied the capital investment and job creation requirements as agreed to in the agreement signed April 24, 2012." □

Steady US job gains likely foretell a new era: Higher rates

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AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — A new era of higher rates on home and car loans, steeper borrowing costs for businesses and the government — maybe even a bit more return for savers — is about to arrive.

That, at least, is the word from most economists. After another solid U.S. jobs report Friday, they say the Federal Reserve seems all but sure to raise its short-term interest rate next month after keeping it pinned near zero for nearly seven years.

It would be the Fed's first rate hike since 2006. And it would end the aggressive campaign the central bank began after the 2008 financial crisis to save a teetering banking system and energize an ailing economy. While it could take months, the Fed's moves should eventually drive up interest rates for mortgages, auto loans and other consumer and business borrowing.

"The most advertised and anticipated play" is a Fed rate hike in September, David Kotok, chief executive at money management firm Cumberland Advisors, said Friday after the July jobs report showed that employers added 215,000 jobs and that the unemployment rate held at a nearly normal 5.3 percent. "Markets, economists, and analysts expect it."

Not all of them do.

Some economists argue that a September rate increase isn't guaranteed. They say Friday's figures showed that some gauges of the job market remain weak. Pay increases, for example, are still sluggish. And hiring hasn't been strong enough to draw millions of Americans who've given up on their job searches back into the hunt.

What's more, a strong dollar is hurting U.S. exporters and making foreign goods cheaper in the United States, which could shrink inflation even further below the Fed's 2 percent target. "A September rate hike is by no means a done deal," Chris Williamson, chief economist at Markit, said in a research note.

"Low inflation and cooling growth will create powerful arguments against rate hikes."

Here are three reasons the Fed will likely raise rates when it meets next month — and two reasons it may not.

— STEADY HIRING

In the past seven years, the economy has gone from hemorrhaging millions of jobs during the Great Recession to sluggish and intermittent hiring during the first several years of recovery to consistently strong gains.

In the past two years, employers have added a ro-

bust average of 235,000 jobs a month. Businesses have added jobs for 65 straight months, the longest such streak on records dat-

percent a year ago and 10 percent in 2009. That's near the 5 percent to 5.2 percent range that the Fed says constitutes a normal

from their record lows sooner or later.

Rates kept too low for too long could make it hard for the Fed to respond to any



Federal Reserve Chair Janet Yellen prepares to testify before the Senate Banking Committee on Capitol Hill in Washington. Another solid U.S. jobs report all but assures the Fed will raise interest rates in September 2015, leading to costlier home and other consumer loans.

(AP Photo/Susan Walsh)

ing to 1939.

"As long as you've got payroll gains above 200,000... this meets the requirement of showing some further improvement in the labor market and strengthens the case for the Fed moving in September," said Michelle Girard, chief U.S. economist at RBS.

— RELATIVELY LOW UNEMPLOYMENT

The steady job gains have helped reduce the jobless rate to 5.3 percent from 6.2

job market. Most economists expect the rate to fall even further.

The proportion of adults who either have a job or are looking for one has also stabilized recently. That suggests that stronger hiring has been the main reason unemployment has kept falling.

— ULTRA-LOW RATES HAMSTRING THE FED

Though economic growth is still modest, Fed policymakers need to raise rates

future economic slump.

Persistently low interest rates and subpar inflation leave "less scope for the (Fed) to respond" by cutting short-term rates to "counteract a weakening in the economy," Fed Chair Janet Yellen said last month.

Girard said the length of the recovery also points to a hike in September: "Seven years into an expansion, should you still be sitting at emergency rates?" she said. □

China inflation edges up to still-low 1.6 percent in July

BEIJING (AP) — Consumer inflation edged up to a still-low 1.6 percent year-on-year in July, government data showed Sunday, leaving room for Beijing to cut interest rates or take other steps to stimulate slowing economic growth.

The inflation rate rose from the previous month's 1.4 percent, driven by a jump in pork prices. The National Bureau of Statistics said that costs also rose for medical care, vegetables, household services, tobacco and pre-school education.

July's consumer price index was the highest so far in 2015.

The government aims to keep consumer inflation at around 3 percent this year. Producer prices, measured as goods leave the factory, fell 5.4 percent from a year earlier, extending a long period of declines due to excess production capacity in many industries.

Forecasters say the economy grew by 7 percent or slightly below that in the three months ending in June, in line with the previ-

ous quarter's six-year low of 7 percent.

Growth has cooled as the

ruling Communist Party tries to steer the economy to a more self-sustaining expan-

sion based on domestic consumption instead of trade and investment. □

A vendor picks a chicken for her customer at a market in Yichang in central China's Hubei province Sunday, Aug. 9, 2015. Consumer inflation edged up to a still-low 1.6 percent year-on-year in July, government data showed Sunday, leaving room for Beijing to cut interest rates or take other steps to stimulate slowing economic growth.

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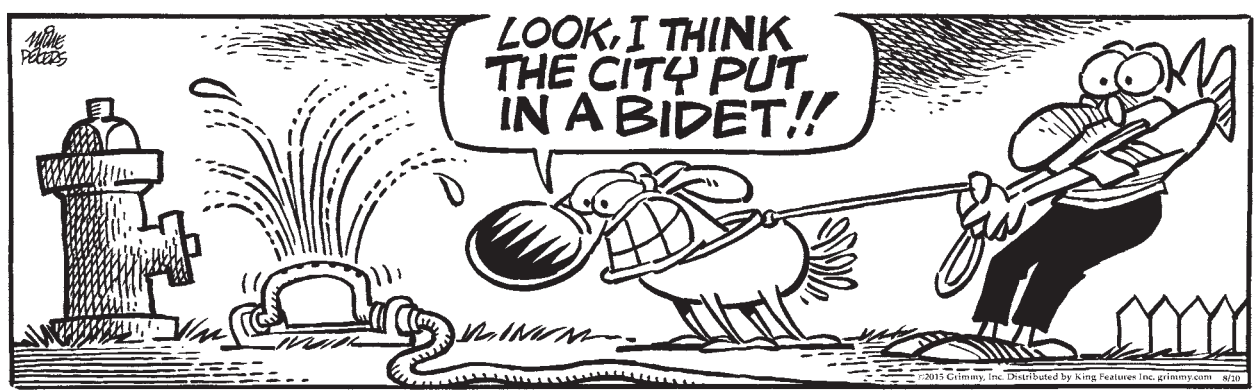
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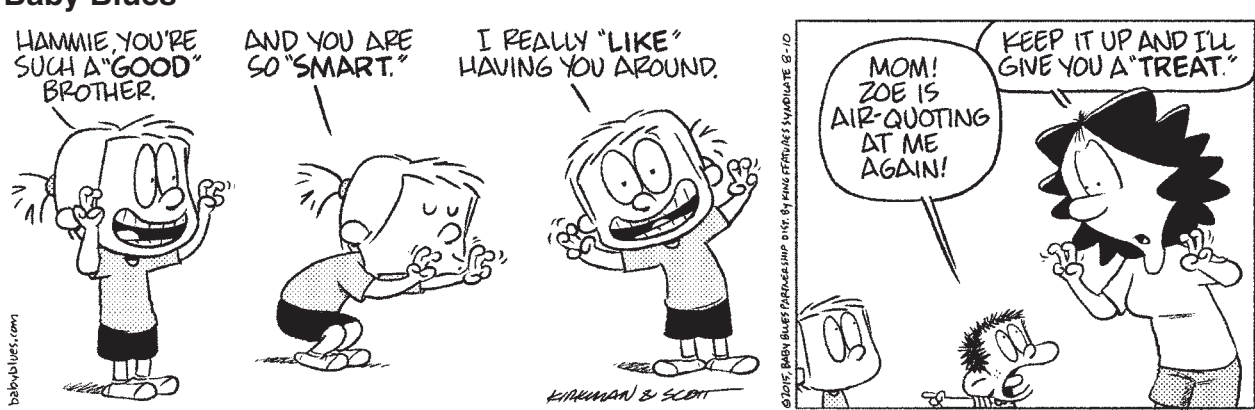
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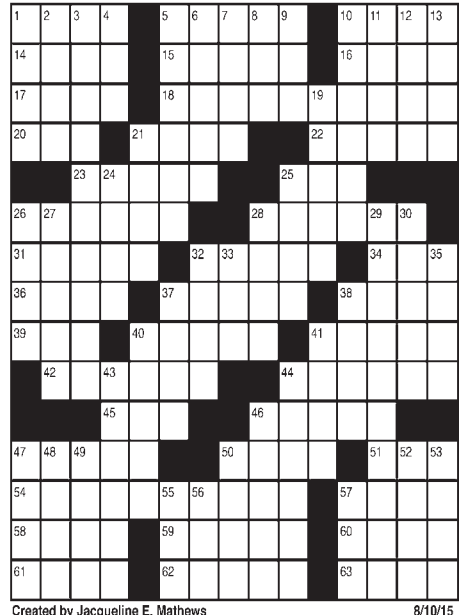
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Saturday's puzzle answer

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ACROSS

- 1 Fanny
- 5 Rattled
- 10 Lawn trees
- 14 June honoree
- 15 Investigate; delve into
- 16 Dirt
- 17 Sports network
- 18 Fixture outside a hair cutter's shop
- 20 Recolor
- 21 Gave for a time
- 22 Carrying a gun
- 23 Fine-tune
- 25 Nintendo video game console
- 26 Need for water
- 28 Actress and director Jodie
- 31 Seeps out
- 32 Bit of dandruff
- 34 ___ and tonic; bar order
- 36 Bed size
- 37 Sitcom starring Bea Arthur
- 38 Clavicle or ulna
- 39 Wrongdoing
- 40 Stove
- 41 Clark & Cavett
- 42 ___ on; inciting
- 44 Hate
- 45 Pacino & Gore
- 46 Fine tablecloth fabric
- 47 Chicago airport
- 50 Mom's sister
- 51 Defunct airline
- 54 Opposition; defiance
- 57 Hold tightly
- 58 Warning sign for buyers
- 59 Up and about
- 60 Heap
- 61 Thin wood strip
- 62 Sudden attacks
- 63 Hardware chain stores



Saturday's Puzzle Solved

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- 5 Cheery; positive
 - 6 Practical joke
 - 7 Categorize
 - 8 ___ and flow; tide movement
 - 9 Golf ball holder
 - 10 ___ de corps; camaraderie
 - 11 Weaver's frame
 - 12 5,280 feet
 - 13 Snow toy
 - 19 Elevate
 - 21 Not as much
 - 24 Songbird
 - 25 Roused
 - 26 Tater ___
 - 27 TV's Mandel
 - 28 Lose color
 - 29 Self-absorbed
 - 30 Skating ovals
 - 32 Pointed tooth
 - 33 Haul; drag
 - 35 Bird's home
 - 37 "A ___ home is his castle"
 - 38 Nip
 - 40 Vexes
 - 41 Fender blemish
- DOWN
- 1 Drove too fast
 - 2 Simple
 - 3 Delicious-looking
 - 4 Light brown

- 43 Tastelessly showy; too loud
- 44 Café patrons
- 46 Clear-thinking
- 47 Spoken
- 48 "For ___ jolly good fellow..."
- 49 "Be that ___ may..."
- 50 Prefix for freeze or trust
- 52 Beguiling trick
- 53 Jungle animals
- 55 Street paver's goo
- 56 As cool ___ cucumber
- 57 Student's avg.



A street full of dental offices is seen in Los Algodones, Mexico, which sits on the border with California. Thousands of Americans and Canadians travel to Los Algodones each year for affordable and reliable dental work from dentists who speak English and sometimes accept U.S. insurance. The trip, even counting the cost of traveling long distances, is often more affordable than getting dental care in the United States.

(AP Photo/Astrid Galván)

Dental Costs

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Many dental plans have high deductibles and don't offer extensive coverage. Many people opt out.

Mexico has lower costs because of cheaper labor and fewer regulatory requirements. Residents in border towns like El Paso, Texas and Nogales, Sonora, often make the short drive to the Mexican side for basic medical needs and prescription medications that are much costlier in the U.S. Some businesses even offer shuttle services from the Phoenix area to Los Algodones, a nearly 200-mile ride.

Going abroad for cheaper health care is nothing new. Americans have been doing it for years, for everything from elective, cosmetic procedures to major, life-saving surgery.

Matthew Messina, a practicing dentist and consumer adviser on behalf of the American Dental Association, said Americans who visit dentists in foreign countries should do a lot of research before they go.

Different countries use different types of equipment, and some items, such as implants, may not have warranties. Malpractice lawsuits may not be an option.

Dentists in Los Algodones say they attend less school than their counterparts in U.S. but spend more

time practicing clinical work. They say they practice the same safety standards as American dentists and have offices that are just as clean.

José Obed Zuñiga has been a dentist in Los Algodones for a decade and found business was so good he opened his own shop about two years ago.

"Everything, the quality, is very similar to the United States," Zuñiga said. "We see the work from the United States, and it's very competitive."

Aiti Gutierrez left her home in the state of Tamaulipas, Mexico, 1,400 miles away, to practice in a Los Algodones office that has four patient rooms and a lobby with a water-stacked mini-fridge. In the busy season, she sees about a dozen patients a day, and 12-hour work days aren't unusual.

"They like to feel comfortable and that they're safe," Gutierrez said of her clients. □

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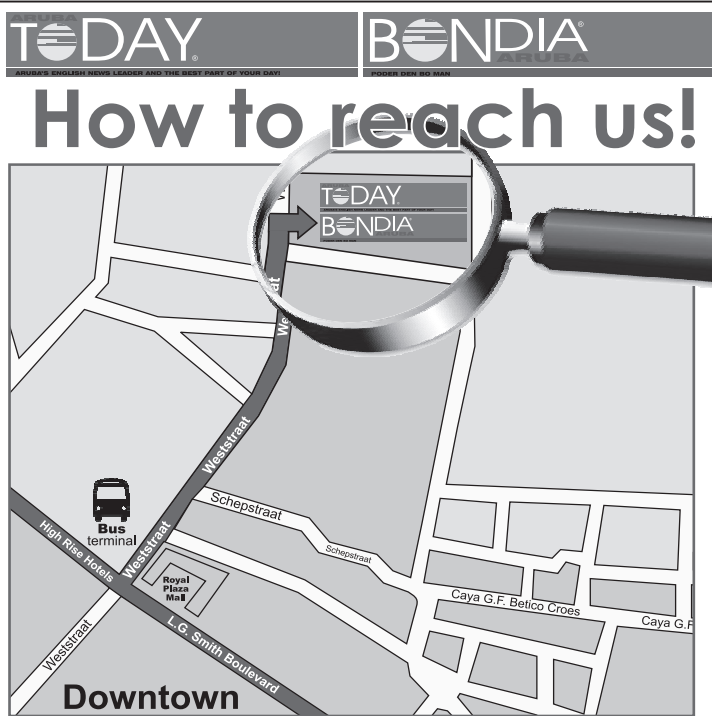
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Mysterious fungus killing snakes in at least 9 states

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NEW HAVEN, Vt. (AP) — Hidden on hillsides in a remote part of western Vermont, a small number of venomous timber rattlesnakes slither among the rocks, but their isolation can't protect them from a mysterious fungus spreading across the eastern half of the country that threatens to wipe them out.

In less than a decade, the fungus has been identified in at least nine Eastern states, and although it affects a number of species, it's especially threatening to rattlesnakes that live in small, isolated populations with little genetic diversity, such as those found in Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts and New York.

In Illinois the malady threatens the eastern massasauga rattlesnake, which was a candidate for the federal endangered species list even before the fungus appeared.

Biologists have compared its appearance to the fungus that causes white nose syndrome in bats, which since 2006 has killed millions of the creatures and continues to spread across North America.

It's unclear, though, if snake fungal disease, "ophidiomyces ophiodiicola" was brought to the United States from elsewhere, as was white nose fungus, or if it has always been present in the environment and for some unknown reason is now infecting snakes, biologists say.

"I think potentially this could overwhelm any conservation effort we could employ to try to protect this last remaining population," said Doug Blodgett, a biologist with the Ver-

mont Department of Fish and Wildlife who has been studying the state's rattlesnake population for 15 years. "We don't have any control over it. It's just completely out there in the wild."

Rattlesnakes were once found across much of the country, but habitat loss and efforts by fearful humans to wipe them out reduced their numbers,

estimated total population of several hundred.

An Associated Press reporter was allowed to accompany wildlife officials to a rattlesnake habitat on condition the exact location not be revealed out of concern that too much attention could further threaten them. Blodgett led an hours-long search for some of the elusive creatures until he found a

United States. Not every location is reporting that the disease is threatening snake populations.

"It does seem to be a disease that has different effects in different areas," Lorch said.

The fungus poses a greater risk to snakes that reproduce slowly, such as rattlesnakes, which can live up to 30 years, experts say.

In Illinois every year the dis-

massasauga is expected to play a part in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's determination on whether to list the snake as endangered, officials said.

"I think that in populations that have been shrunk due to other mechanisms, such as habitat loss, other environmental changes, those types of things, are more at risk of going extinct from snake fungal disease mainly because it's a smaller population," Allender said. "They have less of a buffer to withstand these diseases."

Part of the challenge in studying the disease is that snakes, especially venomous varieties, don't get much sympathy from the public, which makes funding studies harder. Snakes are also harder to find than, say, white-nose-infected bats where scientists can go into a cave and see tens of thousands of carcasses, Lorch said.

The fungus has been found in all five rattlesnake populations in Massachusetts, but it doesn't appear to have had the high mortality rate reported elsewhere, said Anne Stengle, a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Massachusetts who is overseeing a federal grant in nine states to study the fungus.

Since the initial hit, the decline in the Granite State's timber rattlesnakes appears to have stabilized and some are reproducing, said New Hampshire Fish and Game Biologist Mike Marchand.

"I'm at least optimistic that there are animals that are successfully surviving from year to year as well as reproducing," Marchand said. "We had a pretty strong dip in the population." □



In this July 31, 2015 photo, two rattlesnakes hide in a crack in a rock at an undisclosed location in western Rutland County, Vt. Associated Press

especially at the northern edges of their range.

In New Hampshire, the disease helped halve the population of rattlesnakes - now estimated at several dozen - after it was first spotted in 2006, although it was only afterward that scientists linked the fungus to the decline, officials said.

Vermont's population of timber rattlesnakes is down to two locations near Lake Champlain in the western part of the state with an

pair hiding in a rocky crevice, though it wasn't clear if they were infected. Later, a healthy single snake was found on the forest floor.

The disease can cause crusty scabs and lesions, sometimes on the head.

Jeffrey Lorch, a microbiologist with the U.S. Geological Survey's National Wildlife Health Center in Madison, Wisconsin, said he's been getting reports of snake fungal disease from all over the eastern

United States. The fungus infects about 15 percent of the population of about 300 of massasauga rattlesnakes, most of which are in Clinton County, with a mortality rate of 80 to 90 percent, said Matt Allender, a wildlife veterinarian and epidemiologist at the University of Illinois who started noticing the fungus in 2011. The mortality rate in infected timber rattlesnakes is estimated between 30 and 70 percent, he said.

The fungus' impact on the

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'Fantastic Four' bombs with \$26.2M; 'Mission' again tops

JAKE COYLE
AP Film Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Hollywood's summer has had runaway sensations ("Jurassic World") and heart-warming hits ("Inside Out"). It now has its fiasco.

"Fantastic Four," 20th Century Fox's attempt to reboot the superhero team-up franchise, debuted with just \$26.2 million at North American theaters over the weekend, according to studio estimates Sunday. The result was bad enough that last week's leader, Tom Cruise's "Mission: Impossible — Rogue Nation," held the top spot with \$29.4 million in its second week. The overwhelming flop for "Fantastic Four" is a rare humbling for a Marvel superhero film, which often gross more than \$20 million in just one night. The film has been savaged by critics and was dogged by reports of creative difficulties. Director Josh Trank even distanced himself from it Thursday in a tweet he soon-after deleted in which he alluded to studio interference: "A year ago I had a fantastic version of this," he wrote.

"Fantastic Four" was Fox's attempt to revive a franchise just 10 years after its launch. But those earlier films — neither of which critics or fans much liked — opened twice as well. The 2005 original debuted with \$56.1 million and the 2007 sequel, "Fantastic Four: The Silver Surfer," opened with \$58.1 million.

The reboot, made for \$120 million and with a massive marketing budget, was



This photo provided by courtesy Twentieth Century Fox shows, *The Thing*, from left, Michael B. Jordan as Johnny Storm, Miles Teller as Dr. Reed Richards, and Kate Mara as Sue Storm, in a scene from the film, "Fantastic Four."

designed with a youthful bent, enlisting Trank (who had only 2012's "Chronicle" under his belt) and a cast of Miles Teller, Michael B. Jordan, Kate Mara and Jamie Bell. A sequel, already scheduled for 2017, now seems very unlikely. "Obviously, we're disappointed," said Chris Aronson, head of distribution for Fox. "We'll do a post-mortem. As we do with everything that doesn't work out, we'll try to figure out why and move forward."

As late as Tuesday, Fox had tracking data that suggested the opening the industry was widely expecting: about \$40 million to \$50 million. But the fortunes for the film seemed to turn with the unusually bad critical reaction. "The combination of less-than-desirable reviews and the power of

social media conspired to suppress the opening," Aronson said.

Paul Dergarabedian, senior media analyst for box-office tracker Rentrak, also pointed to social media's blazingly fast spread of bad buzz. The film didn't fare much better abroad, where it earned \$34.1 million. "The fanboys and the fangirls listen to each other via social media. They also respect the filmmakers who are making these films. That could have an impact making the movie," Dergarabedian said. "This shows you how powerful the social chatter can be."

Several other less high-profile releases fared better over the weekend. The suspense thriller "The Gift," directed by co-star Joel Edgerton and starring Jason Bateman and

Rebecca Hall, opened in third with \$12 million. Made for just \$5 million, it's a strong start for the new STX

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Productions, which is planning a slate of mid-level budget films.

The Meryl Streep rocker "Ricki and the Flash" debuted with \$7 million on 1,603 screens for Sony's TriStar Pictures. The film, directed by Jonathan Demme and co-starring Kevin Kline, will expand in coming weeks. Worse off was Aardman Entertainment's "Shaun the Sheep Movie" from Lionsgate. Though reviews were good, the film, based on the animated British TV series, earned only \$4 million over the weekend and \$5.6 million since opening Wednesday.

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to Rentrak. Where available, the latest international numbers for Friday through Sunday are also included. □

Big names join Broadway revival of musical 'Shuffle Along'

AP Drama Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Some of Broadway's best will join Audra McDonald in a revival of the 1920s musical "Shuffle Along," including Brian Stokes Mitchell, Billy Porter, Brandon Victor Dixon and Joshua Henry. Two have Tonys, the others are Tony nominated. Dixon played Harpo in "The Color Purple" and Berry Gordy in "Motown." Porter won a Tony for his performance as Lola in "Kinky Boots." Mitchell won a Tony for "Kiss Me Kate" and got nods for "Man of La Mancha,"

"Ragtime" and "King Hedley II." Henry has nominations for "The Scottsboro Boys" and "Violet." The casting was announced Sunday. "Shuffle Along" was one of the first Broadway musicals to be written and directed by African-Americans. With music and lyrics by noted composers Eubie Blake and Noble Sissle, it had Broadway's first jazz score that included the songs "(I'm Just) Wild About Harry," "Love Will Find a Way," "Bandana Days" and "Shuffle Along." □

Reelz says Miss USA Pageant belongs on a broadcast network

ALICIA RANCILIO

Associated Press

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) —

Stan E. Hubbard, the CEO of Reelz, says the network is "darn proud" of airing the Miss USA Pageant but it was likely a one-time thing. Reelz agreed to air the event after NBC and Univision dropped out because of pageant co-owner Donald Trump's remarks about immigrants as he launched his presidential campaign. "They belong on a broadcast network," Hubbard told journalists Sunday. "I do believe that there probably has to be an ownership change in the organization. For my two cents I don't see Trump going away easily for NBC. I don't know how it's going to play out. I don't have a dog in the fight. Our agreement for the organization and the pageant was for one event," he said.

Nielsen company said few-

er than 1 million people watched, down from 5.6 million viewers on NBC in 2014.

While Hubbard acknowledged "we didn't do NBC numbers," the ratings worked for the family-owned, independent Reelz channel because it provided an introduction to new viewers and advertisers. Hubbard said they connected with "about 700 agencies" to ask about advertising for the pageant and "almost universally we were told, 'We love what you're doing, we're glad that you're doing it, but we can't.'"

The CEO reiterated that the reason Reelz decided to pick up the Miss USA Pageant was for the women competing, the city of Baton Rouge which had "rolled out the red carpet" for the event and its long-time fans.

Hubbard stressed they



Miss CEO REELZ Channel Stan E. Hubbard, right, speaks during a press conference prior to the 2015 Miss USA pageant in Baton Rouge, La., Sunday, July 12, 2015.

Associated Press

were not trying to help Trump whose comments he described as "terrible" and "ridiculous."

In 2011, Reelz swooped in

to air "The Kennedys" miniseries when History decided against it.

We're "a network that's able and willing to stand

up and make some of those tough decisions even in a politically charged atmosphere when they pop up," Hubbard said. □

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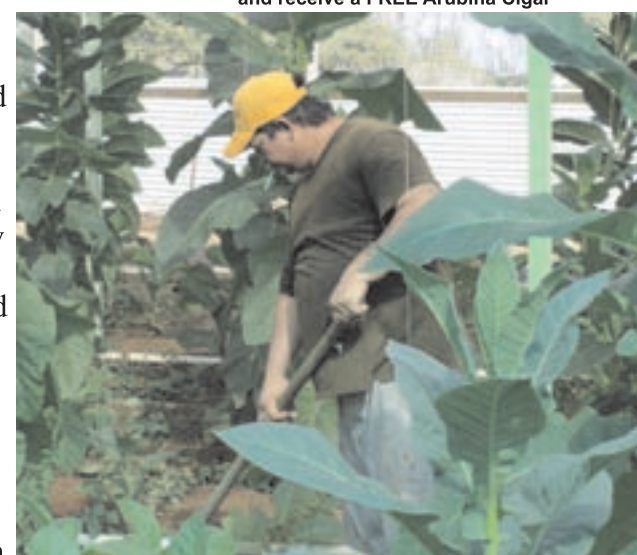


ORANJESTAD- Benjamin Petrocchi, a true native Aruban started the newest export product of Aruba, locally produced hand rolled cigars called "Aruhiba". These cigars are produced and cultivated in Aruba. Petrocchi always had a interest in the cigar business and has also sold Premium Cuban Cigars, and now he is growing his own tobacco crops. After many attempts and trips to Santo Domingo and Cuba, he started his own production and cultivation of Aruhiba Cigars in Aruba. The whole process took him 10 years to perfect. Petrocchi dedication to the cigars is important for the moulding and process of making a perfect cigar which takes a long time. Their handmade cigar box is specially designed with their "Aruhiba" logo. Petrocchi considers

Aruhiba as a promotion for Aruba through its fine cigars. The company sells Aruhiba to the international markets as well. Visit their retail store located in front of the Historic Dutch Windmill in front of the RIO Hotel, with any purchase of \$20 and up you receive a free "Aruhiba" cigar or ask for their gift box of 5 cigars get 1 FREE for only \$37. They open from Monday to Saturday from 9 am till 6:30 pm and on Sundays from 10 am to 4 pm. Aruhiba cigars are now available at the gift stores in your resort and at well-known cigar stores. For their complete selection and attractive by the box prices visit their retail store. Tours are also

available at their Tobacco farm where their cigars are grown and rolled. Winner of the best of Aruba. The best local product. Cigars in Tubes Arubian design.

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